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For: STRESS-AT-WORK JUDGING APPARATUS,  
STRESS-AT-WORK JUDGING PROGRAM,  
AND STRESS-AT-WORK JUDGING  
METHOD

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawing** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.